

Rosedale Items

This morning while gathering up the paper on my writing desk I found one sheet that looked like that on which I have often seen our worthy editor write editorials and it reminded me that it is my duty to hand in a monthly report for January 1900. Our work is divided into three divisions: Mt. Evert, Rosedale and Upper Yoder. Mt. Evert church is getting along nicely and in good condition spiritually and financially. All seem to be interested in the work, owing to the attendance and the attention at each service. At one of our regular appointments we took up a missionary collection for the home work which amounted to \$7.16. This amount came from a union congregation and a very small one. So we think it speaks well of them.

Upper Yoder church is not at all behind the times in religious matters. They are working for the benefit of all mankind at home and abroad and I have just learned that they have sent in a number of new subscribers to the EVANGELIST. They number twenty and the EVANGELIST will now be a visitor to the home of each one of them. They are all interested in a union Sunday-school which they helped to organize the first of the year. The number of attendance last Sunday was 83 and the chapel is not located in a town or large city. May the Lord continue to bless them in their work.

Rosedale church has great reasons to rejoice for the many blessings the Lord gave them the first month of the year 1900.

You remember we began our revival at this place on the first of the month. As a result of our meetings every night during the month, in spite of all the howling of the devil and his wild beasts now existing in human forest and the cold, rainy, stormy weather, muddy roads and sickness, there were added to the church eleven souls, all of which have reached an age when they certainly know what they are doing and whom they have accepted as their Savior. One of this number is yet unbaptized and is 89 years of age. He was taken into the church while sick in bed. He was anointed on the strength of his promise to comply with the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Sunday-school is growing and in fact the church in every department is doing good work. We all need the prayers of the brotherhood.

ALVIN BYERS.

Highland Church, Pa

Brother D. J. Bole, of Pittsburg, came to the Highland church on the 20th of January and preached two able sermons for us on the 21st. Left an appointment for February 17, Saturday evening, Sunday and Sunday evening. He also solicited orders for the BRETHREN EVANGELIST and succeeded in getting four subscribers.

J. B. GRABLE,

January 23, 1900.

Bissell, Pa.

True sonship is spiritual, not carnal. True family likeness consists in character and in actions, not in bearing the same name.—Gregg.

One Dollar Per Member for the Washington City Church

Let this be the cry of the Brethren church as Jonah cried, "yet forty days and Nineveh shall be destroyed," and continued to do so until the city repented. Just so should the church cry "one dollar per member" until the Washington City church is bought and paid for. If each minister will take up the cause and push it, it can and will be accomplished. I have the care of three congregations and these three congregations aggregate one hundred and five members. I think I can pledge \$1.25 per member for these 105 members. Let every minister of the Brethren church work up the cause of Washington City church and we will soon have the church and it paid for.

Far too many hesitate to present the cause to the church in general for fear, it may be, of personal loss in a financial way to themselves, but the Lord will take care of his faithful ministers who are not selfish. Selfishness is a sin wherever it may be found. I have as poor, if not the poorest congregations in Virginia, and if one dollar per member can be raised here, it ought to be raised everywhere.

We are standing in our own light if we fail to secure a church in Washington City. Of course I don't mean that the rich brother should only pay one dollar, but that each congregation should average that much, and the rich brother pay enough to make up the amount that may be lacking. In my congregations two brethren will probably pay \$125, and one brother perhaps pay \$100 himself. All the money will be paid this year.

GEO. A. COPP.

Milford, Ind.

It has been some time since I have written anything for the church paper. I appreciate the EVANGELIST very highly in my home. May God's blessing rest on those who try to do His will, and help them to live much in prayer and say the Lord's will be done, not our own will. God will keep us day by day if we try to do his holy will and try to lead sinners to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. Let us mean what we say, and what we do for the Lord Jesus Christ let us do with all our might. Let us throw out the life line and try and bring others to Christ.

Protracted meeting began the first Sunday in January and lasted three weeks, with four accessions and one reclaimed. Two were baptised and one to be baptised yet. May they prove faithful until they are called home. The Gospel was given in power and made so plain that everyone could understand. There was good seed sown and the harvest will come by and by. Good order prevailed throughout the meeting. Let us pray for the success of the work not only in our own church but throughout the brotherhood. May we all be willing to be led by His spirit to do His will.

MRS. W. J. ORN.

St. James, Md

Brother Joshua Long started a protracted meeting here on January 4 and continued for about ten days, when Brother E. H. Smith, a former pastor, being away about six years, now having a charge in Sergeantsville, N. J., came to our rescue and preached for about two week longer, giving us true Holy Ghost sermons and warning the sinner to flee from the wrath to come. When the meeting closed there had been six added to the church and two remaining to be baptised. They are from the best of families. If the editor will allow, for the benefit of those of our brethren and sisters away from here, we will give the names: Andrew Coffman and wife, Sisters Mamie Beachley, Mamie Schamel, Pearl Smith, Goldie Eckelberger, Gazza Cross and George Shaw. We wish to say to the brethren that Brother Smith is a power in the ministry. He was not here long until the old flame of love that once existed between him and his hearers was rekindled and the house was packed. He did not only the sinners good, but the members were strengthened, and when the parting time came there were many sad hearts and moist eyes. Our prayer is that Brother Smith may live long and may be able to do much good for the Master's cause. We desire to thank the brethren of his home charge for their kindness in leaving us have the services of Brother Smith so long a time, for we all feel lost to a certain extent without a pastor.

We will close by asking an interest in the prayers of all God's children.

J. F. MULLEN.

Harrisonburg, Va.

Since our last report we had some joyful meetings. We are very hopeful. We are moving on very quietly. One received by baptism lately. Others may be "counting the cost." A letter from brother Geo. A. Copp says, "I am gaining in weight and strength." We rejoice to hear the good news. Brother J. H. Hall is at home again after an extended trip in the sunny south where he was engaged in teaching in his National Normal school of music. His labor with us is very helpful and is very much appreciated. We have much to contend with here that hinders the cause of the Brethren church, but we hope that a tenacious holding on to her principles will at last remove every obstacle.

We lately visited the Arkton congregation. Also preached in New Market, the home of brother S. P. Fogle, an earnest worker and knows how to take care of a preacher. The work in that part of the Lord's vineyard is doing well with brother E. B. Shaver at the helm.

J. I. HALL.

How can we exercise the grace of contentment if all things succeed well; or that of forgiveness if we have no enemies.—Tillotson.